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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:  
Broussard

Serial No. 09/870,622

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
ENCAPSULATING SOFTWARE  
COMPONENTS IN AN  
APPLICATION PROGRAM INTERFACE  
USING A PROXY OBJECT



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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal faxed to and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office August 24, 2004, Appellant presents this Appeal Brief. The Notice of Appeal was filed following mailing of a final Office Action on May 27, 2004. Appellant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from a final rejection of claims 1-17 in the final Office Action, and respectfully requests that this appeal be considered by the Board.

**I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST**

The subject application is owned by International Business Machines Corporation, a corporation having its principal place of business at New Orchard Road, Armonk, New York, 10504, as evidenced by the assignment recorded at Reel 011888, Frame 0535.

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